





um and its structural relationship to the continental basement.

The crustal seismology studies overlap with many other investigations in the general area of seismotectonics, the study of processes in active regions. In this area, improved techniques in hypocenter location, long period body wave modelling, and routine estimation of the seismic moment tensor have led to new insights into the faulting process. The characteristics of subducting slabs continue to be explored. Complexities in slab shape due to very shallow dipping subduction in some regions have been established. At deeper depths, more and more slabs are being demonstrated to contain clearly separated seismic zones, though the processes involved are still open to question. Interpretations of data collected during the Rivera Ocean Seismic Experiment (project ROSE) are now being published. These have provided detailed information on the relationship between seismicity and structure near a mid-ocean spreading ridge. Some events were clearly related to a topographic trough, while others were not obviously related to topography of the seafloor. In another area, a number of investigations are beginning to unravel the complex tectonic processes at work in the Caribbean region.

In the field of earthquake prediction, progress in understanding short-term precursors has been slow. Efforts have been focused on improving our understanding of the nature of the earthquake process and its relationship

to host rock and fault gouge properties. Modeling shows distinct promise, and we are beginning to understand the ways in which complexities in prestress distribution and rock properties influence fault propagation and stopping. More success is being identified in the area of long-term predictors. Estimates of recurrence rates are constantly being improved, and the seismic gap concept has been successfully applied to the actual prediction of two earthquakes. The continued high level of research activity in earthquake prediction suggests that we are slowly moving towards real success in this field.

Research in theoretical seismology has concentrated primarily on the synthesis of near, regional, and far field waveforms to a variety of source models. In the near field, a number of techniques have been developed to take account of local structure. However, much remains to be done in including the dominating factor at high frequencies. The construction of regional synthetics has been spurred by the test ban treaty verification program and is making substantial progress. Modifications to the classic Thomson-Haskell technique allow the calculation of P-SV and SH synthetics in a variety of structures. In the far field, the emphasis has been mainly on the inversion of network waveforms to derive the seismic moment tensor. Other theoretical studies have continued work on the dynamics of fault rupture, and wave propagation from explosive sources.

The field of strong motion seismology has grown rapidly during the last four years. The measurement, interpretation, and prediction of near field ground motion due to earthquakes has been impacted by a substantial growth in the number of instruments deployed, in the amount of data available, and in the interest of agencies concerned with hazards reduction and potential damage to critical structures. Over 2700 strong motion accelerographs have now been deployed in the United States. While most of these are analog instruments, from which the data need digitizing for processing, there are an increasing number of digital instruments. The 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake generated a particularly extensive data set that has been the basis for many investigations. Near field waveforms are affected by source characteristics, propagation path, and site response. While all are important, our ability to predict strong ground motion is apparently most limited by our understanding of the seismic source.

The increasing use of digital instrumentation has not been limited to the strong motion area but is taking place throughout seismology. Most importantly, we are establishing a global network of digital seismic stations, consisting of the Seismic Research Observatories (SROs) funded by DARPA and managed by the USGS, and the stations of the WSSN network that have been upgraded to digital capability by the USGS. The dynamic range of these instruments has already provided

their immense superiority over the analog seismograms. At the same time, the amount of data generated is large, and the management techniques that will make the data easily available to the seismological community. In spite of this, the new digital data have made very significant contributions in virtually all areas of seismology, and we expect this to increase in the future.

While it is impossible to cover every area of seismology, the review papers that follow show clearly that seismology is an exciting field that is having an impact on many fields of geology and geophysics.

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## ERL Director Resigns in Protest

George H. Ludwig resigned in protest last month from his post as director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Environmental Research Laboratories (ERL). Ludwig, who will retire in February 1984 after 30 years of government service, told *Eos* that he resigned "with the intent of making a statement" about changes within NOAA that he says are weakening the agency's research program. Ludwig is now the assistant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) chief scientist.

"The NOAA reorganization process of the

past year has been unusually traumatic for ERL," Ludwig explained in a memo to his ERL colleagues when he announced his departure. "Specific actions have shifted many of ERL's long-standing management responsibilities elsewhere in the [Department of Commerce] and NOAA."

He cited "the movement of most of our research support services (including management of the Cyber 750 research computer and library)" to the NOAA/Commerce Department administrative support centers, "our loss of most of the funds appropriated to solve our computing needs over the next decade, and the impending transfer of our research aircraft to the NESDIS [National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service]." He told *Eos* that he feels the movement of these services away from ERL means that these services will be less responsive to NOAA's research needs because the management control would be further away from the research organization.

"This process has recently progressed to the point where decisions have been made before I was even given an opportunity to discuss them. This state of affairs clearly reflects a difference of opinion about the level of resource control and programmatic authority required by the ERL director," Ludwig told his colleagues. "Although I have never argued for complete autonomy without responsible planning and accountability, I have consistently held the position that many elements of administrative decision making and the control of the tools of research should be at a level where the details of the research programs and of the process of research are clearly understood. In many instances this will no longer be the case, and I expect that the research program will suffer."

Neither NOAA Administrator John Byrne nor NOAA Deputy Administrator Anthony J. Calio has given an official reaction to Ludwig's resignation. However, Byrne told *Eos* that he is "disappointed that he [Ludwig] resigned" and attributed the resignation to a sense of fatigue and frustration with the increasing bureaucracy placed on government employees, particularly with an administration that has altered the structure of government. Byrne also said that in the past few years NOAA has become closer to, and is doing more work in concert with, its parent Commerce Department. This could cut into the flexibility of middle level managers, Byrne said; he suspects this may have played a role in Ludwig's resignation.

Ludwig, a codiscoverer of the Van Allen radiation belts, joined ERL in 1980 as a senior scientist, coming from a management position in the satellite service. It was a conscious move, he said, to go back to research. In August 1981, he succeeded William H. Lewis, now director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, as ERL director.

When Ludwig became ERL director, he and NOAA Administrator Byrne discussed whether an ERL director should be based in Boulder, Colo. "I felt we had an excellent basis of agreement," Ludwig said. One year later the entire issue arose again. The NOAA reorganization that was suggested in early 1982 included plans to coalesce five of the nine current ERL laboratories by combining them into a single regional laboratory. In this concept, the five current environmental research laboratories would have been downgraded to "program elements." Last August, though, NOAA Administrator John Byrne decided not to reorganize ERL. Since then, Ludwig says, a series of small but substantive changes have altered significantly the management of research support services for ERL's program.

"Many of the changes which have actually occurred are, I believe, serving to weaken, rather than strengthen, NOAA's research activities," Ludwig told the ERL laboratory directors and staff when he announced his resignation. Nevertheless, he told *Eos*, he still believes strongly in NOAA. He said he hopes his resignation will serve as a constructive step and that it will focus increased attention on the strengths of the NOAA research program.

In the late 1950s while at the University of Iowa, Ludwig worked with James Van Allen and shared in the discovery and early delineation of the Van Allen radiation belts. After earning his Ph.D. at Iowa in 1960, he worked at the Goddard Space Flight Center in various capacities for a dozen years and then went to several management positions at the satellite service. Ludwig received the NOAA Program Administration and Management Award in 1977, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 1980, and the Academy of Achievement Golden Plate Award in 1982. Also that year he was pictured in *Life* magazine as one of 100 outstanding young men. He is a member of the Committee on Data Management and Computation of the National Academy of Sciences.

At NASA, Ludwig will work on space research data management. As part of the project, he will examine existing policies and general practices for the acquisition of data on space and will look closely at how such data are distributed, processed, and archived for research. The project aims to lay a foundation for future data management and policy formulation.

A search for a new ERL director is in the initial stages.—BTR

## Z<sup>0</sup>: The Extra Force

Researchers at CERN (European Center for Nuclear Research) have reason to believe that they have finally observed the elusive superheavy Z<sup>0</sup> nuclear particle. The observation is important because it represents the unifying link between the physics of weak-field phenomena and electromagnetic forces. The Z<sup>0</sup> particle was predicted by the Salam-Weinberg model, which is an attempt to pull together all physical forces into a single field theory. The as yet uncalibrated experiments at CERN project the new particle's mass at 95 ± 5 GeV, or about the equivalent to the combined masses of 95 protons. What remains in the search for such nuclear particles are "heavier Z<sup>0</sup> particles (200 GeV), 'top quarks,' and 'Higgs particles,' all of which are parts of the Salam-Weinberg model.

The Z<sup>0</sup> particle is related to, and in some way analogous to, the photon (though much more massive). Photons and Z<sup>0</sup> particles are both involved in electromagnetic forces, but Z<sup>0</sup> carries an extra force, which is the weak field contribution that results in a violation of parity. The Z<sup>0</sup> is considered the link between weak interactions and electromagnetic fields because it benignly mediates both.

The discovery of the Z<sup>0</sup> particle may mark the end of the experimental road for the pioneering aspects of particle physics. In a report about a recent discussion of the finding of the particle, R. Walgate says that further steps to test the grand unified theories will require comparatively high energies, on the order of 10<sup>16</sup> GeV or higher. These energies are not feasible in any existing or planned facility (*Nature*, June 11, 1983).

The path of experimental research leading to discovery of the Z<sup>0</sup> was exciting, elegant, and perhaps was sufficient evidence of weak field existence in itself. F. Close described experiments to test for the "tell-tale signature" of the presence of the extra (weak) force. The parity violation, or departure from mirror plane symmetry, if detected, is a measure of weak force interaction. In parity-conserving interactions, the weak field effects are manifested in other ways. Indeed, experiments with left- and right-handed (polarized), high-energy electrons have demonstrated small violations of mirror symmetry. Likewise, experimental electron-positron (collision-annihilation) processes have been controlled to detect weak fields by analyzing the resulting antimatter equivalents.

As was described by Close (*Nature*, May 26, 1983) "If the electron-positron annihilation were controlled only by the electromagnetic

interaction, then processes that produce  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  (muons and antimuons) would yield the  $\mu^+$  in the forward hemisphere marginally more often than in the backward. (Momentum is balanced by the  $\mu^-$  emerging in the other hemisphere.) If the weak interaction also plays a part, as in the Salam-Weinberg model, the  $\mu^+$  should emerge more often in the backward hemisphere." Close goes on to describe that this is exactly what has been observed.

The new CERN experiments involved proton-antiproton collisions in a device that is fed by the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS). As the high-brilliance, high-energy beams collided, numerous particles were released, including weak-field charged particles ( $w^+$  and  $w^-$ ) and the neutral Z<sup>0</sup> particles. The decay of these particles produced tracks in the facility's gas-filled image chamber. As a Z<sup>0</sup> decays, an electron-positron pair is emitted, the two producing diagnostic straight-line tracks in opposite directions.

New directions in the study of electromagnetic field theory, and its unity with electromagnetic field theory, will first involve improvements in the beam quality of the particle colliders. Higher energy experiments probably will not be obtainable in this decade. According to R. Walgate (*Nature*, June 9, 1983), "Another possibility is to search for Centauro events, seen a few times in cosmic rays, which indicate that a new kind of physics may set in at energies not much above present values."—PAIB

## New Pulsar Discovered

The discovery of a fast-spinning pulsar that is part of a binary system may provide a key to resolving the controversy over the nature of pulsars. Valentin Boicakov of Cornell University, working with two Italian astronomers, Rosalino Buecheri and Franco Fauci, discovered the pulsar and its companion by using the 305 m radio telescope of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center near Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The astronomers concluded that the newly discovered pulsar is part of a binary system because its pulsing period is not constant, a sure sign that something else is in the vicinity.

Spinning at 63 times per second, the pulsar is rotating slower than the pulsar discovered at Arecibo last November (612 times per second), but the binary nature of the new discovery may help answer the question whether

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### EGT Project

The European Geotraverse (EGT) has been planned as a major geoscience project that will run for 5-7 years involving collaborative efforts of geophysicists, geologists, petrologists, geodesists, and other geoscientists from different European countries. A first draft proposal was elaborated in 1981 by a Working Group of the European Science Research Councils (ESRC), a standing committee of the European Science Foundation (ESF); it was subsequently modified following the amendments requested by the ESRC and was finally approved by the General Assembly of the ESF on November 9, 1982.

The broad aim of the EGT is to secure an understanding of how the continental lithosphere formed and reacted to changing physical and geomorphic conditions through time. One of the best locations for such a study of Europe because it is made up of a number of tectonic provinces ranging in succession from the oldest Precambrian areas of Scandinavia to the currently active area of the Mediterranean. The concept of a geotraverse has been chosen in order to provide a continuous, integrated study of sufficient scale to cross this whole region like a swathe that will give new information about the dynamics and vertical and lateral variations of the lithosphere, both within and between adjacent provinces.

Geophysical and geological surveys carried out so far have revealed important features relevant to the objectives of the EGT. At the same time, however, they have disclosed a number of fundamental problems that can only be tackled within the framework of a wide-scope, multidisciplinary, large-scale project.

Extending from the northern tip of Scandinavia southward to North Africa the EGT is located to encompass the pre-2500 Ma old Archaean nucleus in the northernmost part of the Baltic shield; the Proterozoic, Paleozoic, and Cenozoic provinces of northern and central Europe that have been added on to this nucleus; and the active transition zone between the Eurasian and African plates in the Mediterranean area.

The EGT has been chosen such that—proceeding from north to south—a 4000-km-long section is obtained which, in three segments, covers the whole time span of the history of the continental lithosphere. From a tectonic-geologic point of view, Europe can be divided into three main units: (1) the Precambrian shield of Fennoscandia (age ~3100 to ~600 Ma) with its border regions, including the Caledonides (age ~600 to ~400 Ma); (2) the Hercynian (Variscan) realm of central and western Europe (age ~400 to 230 Ma); and (3) the Alpine-Mediterranean region (age 230 Ma to present).

A thorough understanding of the tectonic processes requires detailed knowledge of the structure and dynamics of the whole lithosphere, including not only the crust but also the underlying mantle, which is intimately bound up with it.

A large-scale geotraverse is required both to provide lateral continuity of information across the major structural elements of Europe and to achieve a deeper view of variations within the lithosphere. It is intended that the results of the investigations will be integrated to produce a north-south section through the crust and upper mantle of Europe which will provide the basis for a reconstruction of the evolutionary development of the various provinces of Europe and their mutual interaction. This should provide a better insight into the structure and dynamics

of the lithosphere-asthenosphere system, which in turn will be of general scientific benefit. Although certain techniques are proposed for the full length of the EGT to provide continuity and depth of information, most of them will be applied selectively so that the combination of methods utilized will be those most appropriate to the particular problem under investigation. Vital to the concept of the EGT is that it should be carefully directed and contain within its broad-scale framework a number of linked experiments with specific geological objectives to derive the detail that is essential.

The goals of all these various experiments can only be accomplished by close international cooperation. Since the aims of the EGT require a continuity of information on a large scale, it is mandatory for these investigations to be carried out in the form of a "Joint Program."

Two specific projects where the scientific objectives are essential to the aims of the EGT, but which cannot be realized along the EGT as such, have also been included in the EGT Joint Program. They are of fundamental importance to the understanding of the crust and mantle in Hercynian Europe.

### EGT Joint Program

1. Simultaneous geomagnetic observations along the EGT.
2. Mapping of the resistosphere and conductosphere along the EGT.
3. Mapping of the lithosphere-asthenosphere system by seismological techniques along the EGT (seismic surface waves, crustal transfer functions, and P delay studies).
4. Deep seismic sounding of the lithosphere (southern segment of the EGT).
5. Multidisciplinary (tectonic stratigraphic, sedimentological, petrological, geochronological, paleomagnetic, and anisotropy) studies as well as synoptic geophysical surveys in the Southern Alps, Po Valley, and Northern Apennines.
6. Deep seismic sounding of the lithosphere (central segment of the EGT).
7. Synoptic geological and geophysical studies of border regions between different tectonic units of Hercynian age (central segment).
8. Multidisciplinary study of the contact zone (Torquay-Teisseyre Line) between Precambrian and Hercynian Europe (southern Norway-southwestern Sweden, Denmark-northern Germany).
9. South Scandinavian east-west traverse: a multidisciplinary study across West-European crustal units, the Oslo rift, the Protogine zone, the Smaland-Varmland granite belt, and into the Svecofennian province.
10. Multidisciplinary studies of the evolution of the Baltic Shield (seismic, magnetotelluric, paleomagnetic, radiometric, and tectonic studies along the FENNOLORA Traverse and adjacent areas).
11. Large-scale anisotropy study of the upper mantle in the Hercynian domain of Iberia.
12. NARS: A wide-aperture seismological array surveying the upper mantle along the traverse Côteburg-Málaga (down to a depth of about 600 km).

Some of the experiments listed above making up the EGT Joint Program are already in an advanced stage of planning (such as experiments 4 and 8) and are scheduled to be carried out in 1983 and 1984, respectively. One of the studies (experiment 12) is already in progress. Steps toward the planning of the other projects have been undertaken by vari-

ous geological and geophysical institutions in a number of European countries.

Those experiments contributing to the basic objectives of the EGT on a regional and more detailed scale that can be realized as part of national or multinational programs are included as "Regional Studies." They are quite numerous and, therefore, for the sake of brevity are not listed here.

### Organization and Coordination

A multidisciplinary international program of the size and duration outlined above will need an organization and coordination that secures the steady progress and realization of the EGT objectives. An EGT Scientific Coordinating Committee was formed to supervise the compilation and the inventory of the data and results relevant to the EGT. It will also identify and encourage those research proposals that meet the objectives of the EGT.

Three sectional groups, one for each of the northern, central, and southern segments of the EGT, will plan in detail and supervise the execution of the Joint Program and advise on these regional studies to which priority shall be given.

The ESF Secretariat in Strasbourg will assist the Scientific Coordinating Committee in administrative matters and ensure the organization of sectional and regional working group meetings. It will also help in synchronizing the various activities, channel information, and organize an annual workshop of scientists who actively participate in the EGT. Since the realization of the Joint Program,

running for a period of 5-7 years, requires funding beyond the scope of an "Additional Activity" of the European Science Foundation (ESF), it was proposed that contributions to this program would have to be secured on a national level by the appropriate funding agencies. The ESF in agreement with its primary role will coordinate the implementation of the national efforts.

A separate budget for the costs of "Coordination" has been established within the framework of an Additional Activity of the ESF, which is financed by contributions from the participating member organizations as already agreed upon at the last ESF General Assembly in November 1982.

The Regional Studies will have to be funded by the appropriate national agencies according to the specific scientific interests and needs of the different countries and the available financial means.

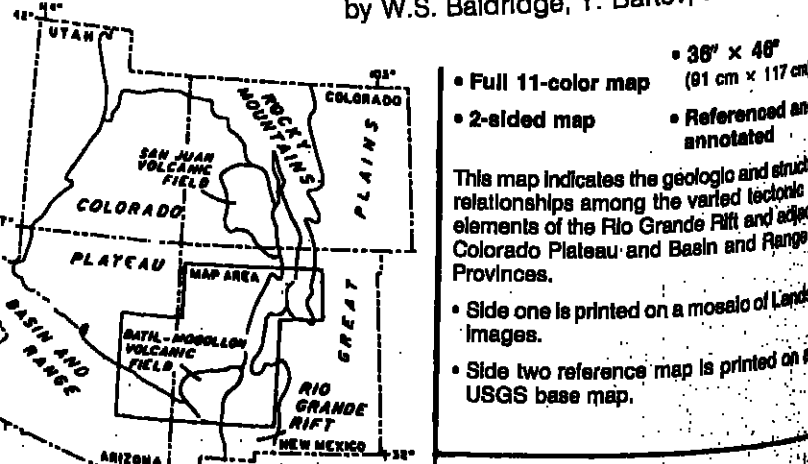
The members of the EGT Scientific Coordinating Committee are: St. Mueller (Zürich) (chairman); A. Berthelsen (København); P. Giese (Berlin); C. Morelli (Trieste); D. W. H. Dell (London); I. Zwart (Utrecht); A. Van (Paris); E. Bauda, Scientific Secretary (Institute of Geophysics, ETH-Hönggerberg, CH-8093 Zürich, Switzerland).

Further information can be obtained through the Scientific Secretary or through B. Münch, Secretary of the EGT at the European Science Foundation, 1, Quai Louis Maréchal, F-67000 Strasbourg, France.

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a pulsar's rate of spin is accelerated by the transfer of mass from a companion or whether a pulsar comes into existence already spinning. Most astronomers consider pulsars to be remnants of supernovas or exploding stars that collapsed into extremely small, dense objects and emit intense short bursts of radiation at regular intervals.

Designated P1953+29 for its coordinates in the sky between the constellations Vulpecula and Cygnus, the pulsar orbits its companion every 120 days. The pulsar is 11,500 light years from earth and has a diameter of about 9.5 km. Its mass has not been determined. Two unique features of P1953+29 are the emission of radiation for at least 42% of its rotational period (an unusually high rate for a pulsar with this particular spin rate) and its drastic changes in pulse shape at different receiver frequencies.

P1953+29 was discovered when the astronomers were searching the sky for fast-spinning radio pulsars in an area where a satellite had previously discovered some point sources for gamma rays. Because P1953+29 is located close to one of these point sources, the astronomers will try to find a physical association between the pulsar and the source by conducting simultaneous observations by using the Arecibo telescope together with other experiments. One of the first such projects is a simultaneous observation with the balloon experiment FIGARO, a French-Italian joint venture scheduled for release in Brazil in late 1983.

## Synchrotron Advances

Mineral physics studies, which gain precision as time decreases during a measurement, will benefit greatly from the availability of beams existing from synchrotron facilities. Unusually intense radiation is emitted from a synchrotron in the broad spectral range from the infrared through the X ray region and beyond. For example, X rays, which are released from such a facility at intensities of 10<sup>15</sup> times those of conventional generators, can be used for studies of mineral structures, such as XFAS (X ray fine structure) and photoemission, which were unthought of only a decade ago.

One reason for this new capability is that accessories for synchrotrons called wigglers and undulators have evolved from the laboratory curiosity stage to useful devices during the same period. These new devices step up the brilliance (flux per steradian) for a unit source area of a narrow wavelength band of a synchrotron-produced beam and can be adjusted so as to extend the spectral range of the radiation. The truth is that most of the old and even the new synchrotrons were designed or planned without the knowledge that wigglers and undulators would be successful, according to a recent report (*Physics Today*, June 1983).

Now a number of totally new synchrotron facilities are being proposed that will contain a large number of wiggler and undulator magnets, and, essentially, will not even make use of the normal radiation yielded by the synchrotron bending magnets. Wigglers and undulators are, of course, being adapted to existing facilities and to those under construction currently. All of this recent upgrading of synchrotron radiation beams will benefit state-of-the-art mineral physics studies. What is synchrotron radiation, and what

are wigglers and undulators? Electrons and positrons are the charged particles that are accelerated around a circular path in a synchrotron. The curved motion is the steady-state acceleration (change in direction) and this causes the particles to lose energy. Synchrotrons were originally designed to study or otherwise employ the high-energy, charged particle beam, not the white radiation that is emitted as the energy loss due to the curved motion in a magnetic field. This white radiation had been thought to be of potential future use in physical measurements. It is this radiation that is being exploited for mineral physics and other condensed matter studies.

The standard bending magnets in a synchrotron yield intense, broad, fan-shaped beams of radiation (for electrons of 1 GeV the cone angle of emitted radiation is about 1 mrad). For X ray diffraction studies of minerals, however, the wavelengths are not sufficiently short and simultaneously intense after passing through collimators and monochromators to be of significant improvement over conventional X ray generators.

Wigglers and undulators are periodic magnets that can be inserted in the sections of an electron storage ring that are free of other magnetic fields. These devices cause electrons passing through their fields to curve around and accelerate over relatively short distances and thus radiate the energy they lose in the process. The resulting radiation is a very narrow beam of greatly enhanced brilliance and extended wavelength.

The five synchrotron facilities in the United States are SURF (at the National Bureau of Standards in Maryland), CHESS (at Cornell University), SPEAR (at Stanford University), Tantalus and Aladdin (at the University of Wisconsin), and NSLS I and II (at Brookhaven National Laboratory). They are already in service in mineral physics studies, a few examples of which are instantaneous, single-crystal X ray structure determinations; high-pressure, diamond cell in situ, X ray diffraction measurements; bonding studies by energy-dispersive XFAS; and electronic structure measurements by photoemission, in which the white synchrotron radiation can be tuned to observe the electron levels.—PMB

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## Is Space for Ordinary People?

A blue ribbon Advisory Council to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recently reported the results of its 1-year study on whether to send private citizens on space shuttle missions. The answer from this panel, which was made up of an astronaut, a physician, several major space industry executives, and the author James A. Michener, was yes. If this result is acted upon, private citizens may fly on a shuttle mission in this decade.

The NASA Advisory Council claimed at the outset that the concept is not to be misconstrued as a self-serving public relations program. The main objective, it would appear, is for laymen to provide real functions in space missions; they could add a valuable dimension to the missions, if only by communicating first-hand space experiences to the general public. But, in addition to the widespread public interest in space, ordinary citizens are needed now and in the future: In-space technological manufacturing plants appear to be a good bet in a decade or so, and civilians can contribute to readiness programs as they work with highly specialized astronaut pilots.

Results of feasibility analysis of the private citizen in space are summarized as follows: (1) Individuals can be flown by NASA without undue risk to either crew safety or accomplishment of the specific mission. (2) Seats will be available, but there will be competing demands for them. Planning for a minimum program at this time is the best way to ensure seats for this opportunity. (3) The flight experience is not particularly stressful if the person is trained in what to expect. If trained, one could adapt easily to the habitability requirements and the mission activities. (4) The medical requirements will not be as rigorous as those for astronauts. They will focus on preventing medical/psychological situations developing in space that are hazardous to any or all who are involved.

A large part of NASA's objectives with the space shuttle program consists of addressing commercial and national security needs by gaining worthy experience in space. Accord-

ing to the Report of the NASA Advisory Council:

"The Space Act authorizes NASA to provide the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning NASA's activities and the results thereof (205(a)(3)) and to foster 'the preservation of the role of the United States as a leader in aeronautical and space sciences and technology' (102(c)(5)). NASA has been conducting effective information and education programs under this charter for some time. Persons who would produce more comprehensive mission documentation and educational material would significantly implement NASA's charter and augment its current activities."

Private citizens they may be, but the choice of the first several individuals will be the result of rigorous procedures, not only because of physical and medical considerations, but because their important contributions to the tasks of the space shuttle are in rather critical need. NASA needs capable help in space right now by people of various disciplines, people who can go on a space shuttle flight with as little as 100 hours of training in a 2-month period, not 5 or more years as is the case with shuttle astronauts.

Eventually, the program will be expanded. The current plans are to have an observer-in-space program of narrow scope but of great potential benefit to space science and industry.—PMB

## TV Series on Geophysics

A seven-part public television series on earth sciences, dubbed "Terra Nova," is expected to begin filming this fall. The series, slated for prime time, is also designed as an introductory course in geophysics for college students who are not science majors. Completion of filming is expected in 1983; no air date has been scheduled.

Public television station WQED, Pittsburgh, in association with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), is producing "Terra Nova." WQED and NAS collaborated on the production of the *Planet Earth* series, which originally aired some 25 years ago. The Annenberg/Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) Project has provided a \$9 million grant for "Terra Nova." Two years ago AGU gave \$10,000 for NAS to develop basic scientific plans for the geophysics series.

Among the topics to be explored in the series are solar system cosmology, comparative planetology, solid earth geophysics, plate tectonics, natural resources, hydrology, oceanography, climatology, meteorology, the sun, solar-terrestrial interactions, energy resources, human impact on the earth's environment, and the geologic environment.

To assist WQED in the production of the series, NAS established a blue-ribbon Geophysics Film Committee. Hugh Odishaw, dean of the College of Earth Sciences at the University of Arizona, is the committee's chairman. Other committee members are G. Arthur Barber, Charles L. Drake (AGU President-elect), Herbert Friedman, Laurence M. Gould, Thomas F. Malone, Roger Revelle, Alan H. Shapley, Eugene M. Shoemaker, Walter S. Sullivan, Vernon E. Suomi, James A. Van Allen (AGU President), Pembroke J. Hart (committee secretary), John P. Schiefer, and J. Tuzo Wilson (former AGU President). NAS will provide scientific guidance throughout the series' production to ensure the scientific integrity of the films, according to Pembroke Hart.



For college instructional purposes, "Terra Nova" will include an innovative approach: the development of study guide materials by professors and later printing will provide college professors the opportunity to virtually teach their own guide materials for the series, which will be available in 14 half-hour segments for classroom use or for redistribution on a syndicated basis by public television stations after the original prime-time airing hour-long segments.

"Geophysics has progressed enormously in the past 25 years since *Planet Earth* was produced," said Thomas Skinner, executive vice president of WQED and project director of the new series. "There was no deep exploration then, no space program. This will be the first time anything has put together this information on geophysics into one unit with a chance to produce a landmark."

The Annenberg/CPB Project (funded in 1981 by a \$150-million grant from the Deaneberg School of Communications, is administered by CPB. Others who have contributed to the financial support of "Terra Nova" are the American Meteorological Society, Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the Arthur Day Fund, and the Atlantic Richfield Foundation.—BTR

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## Books

### Climate History and the Modern World

H. H. Lamb, Methuen, New York, xix + 387 pp., 1982, \$39 (hardbound), \$16.95 (paper).

Reviewed by William E. Riebsame

H. H. Lamb's latest book on the earth's changing climate is a carefully crafted work covering four areas: the physical basis of climate and climate change, the methods of climate reconstruction, the history of climate since the height of the last glaciation, and the impact of climate on human affairs. The book will be of particular interest to three groups. Atmospheric scientists interested in the long history of climate behavior (but perhaps overwhelmed by Lamb's all-encompassing work on the topic, *Climate: Past, Present and Future*, vol. 11, Methuen, New York), will find *Climate History and the Modern World* to be a good illustration of the fuller work. Scientists in other fields, including social scientists grappling with issues of climate-society interaction, will find the book a good entry into the field. Finally, Lamb himself suggests that the book will be useful to resource managers and other decision makers trying to avoid negative climate impacts. With this last audience in mind, no doubt, Lamb has chosen a style that eschews extensive footnoting and references (though sufficient citations are included to lead to further information). This works quite well and seems reasonable in view of his carefully documented previous writings.

Lamb's discussion of basic climatology maintains the connections between individual weather (e.g., extratropical cyclones) and climate elements and the broader issue of climate change. This integration fails, however, in sections on tornadoes and convection. His discussion on causes of climate is excellent (although parts of it are curiously repeated later in the book) for its demonstration of how climate at a point might change owing to instabilities inherent in the climate system without recourse to solar input, volcanic activity, and chemical changes in the atmosphere. When he does discuss these external forces, Lamb clearly delineates their climate role, uncertainty, and potential impacts. Lamb's review of reconstruction techniques is an excellent, parsimonious discussion emphasizing historical sources. It includes a valuable table outlining techniques and their application. Lamb's summary of climate history, comprising slightly over a third of the book, is a compendium of sources, regions, and events that he could produce. This section can stand

alone as a guide for the climate historian, though it may provide too much detail for more casual readers who will probably find more interest in the section on climate impacts.

The climate history ends with 1950, and the subsequent record is incorporated into a discussion of the historical and contemporary socioeconomic role of climate fluctuation. This section is a mix of fact and opinion (facts like harvest failures and opinions on their historical moment). Lamb, like all climate historians, operates in a field of pitfalls related to the sufficiency of proof to implicate climate in past events. Some of his colleagues in the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, U.K., have recently written on how difficult it is to prove causality in past climate impact studies (M. J. Ingram, C. Farmer, and T. M. L. Wigley, *Past climates and their impact on man*, A review, in *Climate and History*, edited by T. M. L. Wigley et al., Cambridge University Press, New York). Nevertheless, Lamb's suggested impacts are reasonable, and his insight is a valuable guide to where we might look to refute or support the historical importance of climate change in human endeavor. Lamb ends the book with suggestions on how we might better cope with climate vagaries. He argues for climate forecasts based on empirical probabilities; indeed, Lamb clearly feels that forecasts based on theoretical atmospheric models may be misleading and bemoans the "disproportionate" research efforts put into computer modeling rather than into a fuller reconstruction of past climate behavior. Unfortunately, his discussion of climate forecasting is not as well organized as the rest of the book, and readers will be confused by the different time scales and approaches touched upon. Additionally, he pays little attention to whether even a correct forecast will be believed and acted upon. If climate forecasts are to help with the "climate problem," we must know more about their applicability to resource decisions.

Lamb begins and ends the book by claiming that global society is becoming increasingly vulnerable to disruption by climate, a view he supports with Malthusian reasoning. Whether a climate anomaly eventually pushes some segment of global population into a Malthusian disaster or whether we simply continue to experience the hardships reasonably attributable to climate in conjunction with political and social causes, there is no doubt that we must strive to understand climate better. But we should not fall into the trap of doing nothing until we know every-

thing. Lamb's book suggests that we already know a great deal about climate, and it makes this body of knowledge more accessible to a wide range of workers. No doubt, many more lives and much property could be saved by further drawing from this knowledge and our increasing understanding of climate-society interaction.

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### Numerical Dating in Stratigraphy, 1 and 2

G. S. Odin (Ed.), Wiley-Interscience, New York, 1982, \$134

Reviewed by Marvin A. Lanphere

Geology is a historical science, and geologists always have been fascinated with deciphering complex geologic histories by unravelling the relations of rock units where ages were established by fossils or, more recently, by isotopic dating methods. The most direct way to date stratified rocks is by measuring the ages of authigenic minerals in sedimentary rocks. This approach, however, is fraught with such problems as the presence of detrital minerals, the determination of whether authigenic minerals formed at the same time as accumulation of the sedimentary rocks, and whether suitable minerals for age measurements are present. This new book shows that although there has been significant progress, the problems of directly dating sedimentary rocks by isotopic methods persist.

The book is in two volumes. The larger part of the first volume is devoted to methodology. Subjects that are covered include methods of correlation; isotopic dating methods; and utilization of minerals from sedimentary, volcanic, and plutonic rocks for physical age measurements. The rest of the first volume consists of papers dealing with calibration of the geologic time scale. The second volume contains 251 abstracts based on stratigraphic and isotopic data for critical points on the time scale.

Of the 34 papers in the first volume, 19 are contributions to Project 133 of the International Geological Correlation Program (IGCP) titled "Geochronology of Sediments." Most of the participants in this IGCP project were from European countries, and a primary objective was to establish a radiometric geochronology for the Mesozoic and Tertiary strato-

types in various parts of Europe. Unfortunately, interbedded volcanic rocks are rare, and the principal materials available for physical dating are glauconites, a general term used herein for authigenic green pellets in some sedimentary rocks. (Glauconite, a potassium-rich mica, is a relatively rare, highly-evolved glaucony.) The term "glaucony" has not yet made its way into geological dictionaries. Many of the studies deal with dating glauconites by using the potassium-argon method. Great progress has been made in understanding the mineralogy and evolution of glauconites, but the fact remains that they are less reliable for isotopic dating than are certain minerals in igneous rocks.

I found the part of the first volume on calibration of the geologic time scale to be uneven and disappointing. There were papers on the lower Paleozoic, upper Paleozoic, and Carboniferous; four on the Triassic; and one each on the Jurassic and Cretaceous, the lower Cretaceous-upper Cretaceous boundary, the Paleogene, and glaucony ages of the southeastern United States.

The second volume is by far the most valuable part of the book. The editor is to be commended for his success in persuading a diverse group of people to compile stratigraphic and analytical data and to present a critical discussion of many of the important time-scale points within a uniform and concise format. This second volume will be a major reference source for many years to come. Most of the abstracts deal with glauconite.

Several time-scale points included in earlier compilations (for example, the 1961 Phanerozoic time scale of the Geological Society of London) have been omitted, apparently because the data are on plutonic rocks where stratigraphic age is not precisely fixed. Failure to arrange the abstracts in the second volume in any systematic order is confusing and detracts from their usefulness.

The volumes are well produced, and typographic errors are rare. All references are at the end of the second volume, an arrangement I found a bit inconvenient. In several contributions, the English usage is a bit awkward, apparently because these are by authors whose primary language is not English. The book could have benefited from a more merciless editing by the publisher. Given its cost, this book probably will not be purchased by many other than libraries and geochronologists. If the second volume could be issued separately, I believe it might enjoy wider circulation.

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## Waldo E. Smith Receives First Award of His Namesake Medal



## Waldo E. Smith

### Citation

This evening marks the first presentation of the American Geophysical Union's Waldo E. Smith Award. While all other AGU awards and honors are given for excellence in scientific research in one or another of the geophysical disciplines, this award is different.

The Waldo E. Smith Award is given for dedicated and extraordinary service to geophysics and AGU. It is the principal purpose of this citation to show why it is particularly appropriate that an award for service to American geophysics should be called the Waldo E. Smith Award. A secondary objective, aimed at those present tonight, is to introduce the first recipient of this award, Waldo E. Smith, Executive Director Emeritus of AGU.

Early in 1944, Dr. J. A. Fleming, AGU's General Secretary, approached Waldo with an offer that he become the Union's first full-time Executive Secretary. The Union then had an employee head count of 14, with 2000+ members divided into 8 sections—Geodesy, Seismology, Terrestrial Magnetism and Electricity, Hydrology, Meteorology, Oceanography, Volcanology, and Tectonics.



physics—and was housed in borrowed office space in the attic of the Carnegie Institution Administration Building. On September 22, 1944, Waldo was duly appointed Executive Secretary of AGU, a position which he held until his retirement in 1970 (the position title was changed to that of Executive Director in 1967). The initial appointment was accompanied by Fleming's strong admonition that "Waldo should not concern himself with building an empire." The 1944 AGU auditor's report, reproduced below in toto, recorded the exact physical dimension of the empire that Waldo had agreed to manage.

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One 18-inch primer Burroughs typewriter, ser. No. 80A232450	\$190.80
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Using the above as a base, Waldo went to work, and hard work it was by all accounts. For the next 25 years Waldo continued to build AGU, and by the time of his retirement AGU existed largely in its present form and substance. Consider Figure 1 where the growth in AGU statistics for the Waldo era has been plotted. During his tenure the Union grew from 2000+ to 10,000+ members, the staff grew from 24 to 40 full-time paid employees, and the journal pages published per year expanded from 482 in 1945 to 17,032 in 1970.

But rather than just considering the numbers of Figure 1 let us translate some of them into entities, and see just what these statistics have actually meant to American geophysics.

In 1959 the *Journal of Geophysical Research* (JGR) was incorporated into AGU. (Previously, JGR was an unofficial publication of the Carnegie Institution). Phillip H. Abelson and J. A. Peoples, Jr., were the first JGR/AGU editors. In its first year under the AGU management, and with the help of an NSF grant, JGR published 2460 pages; by 1962 this count had risen to 5398; and by 1970 to 7696.

*Water Resources Research* first appeared as a quarterly in 1965 with Walter B. Langbein as editor and with a total page count of 586; by 1970 this count had risen to 1800 pages with bimonthly issues and was well on its way to being the premier research journal for water. *Reviews of Geophysics* first appeared in 1963, with Gordon J. F. MacDonald as editor. As a matter of policy the number of pages published by this journal has always been a fairly tightly restricted percentage of the number of

pages in JGR, but nevertheless *Reviews* likewise grew from 605 pages in its first year to 864 in 1970 (by which time it was called *Reviews of Geophysics and Space Physics*).

Further, it was in the Waldo era that AGU's journal translation program started. First came the *Journals of Geophysics*, *Academy of Sciences, USSR (Physics of the Solid Earth and Atmospheric and Oceanic Physics—IZVEIIZVA)* in 1957, but by 1965 the number of translation journals being published by AGU had risen to seven. Similar success sagas are associated with AGU's books and monograph series, and all can be said to owe their existence to the friendly environment created for them by Waldo E. Smith. AGU journals and books are highly respected throughout the scientific community, and they are still one of the few real bargains existing in the scientific literature.

Keep in mind that this highly successful publication program was accompanied and orchestrated from 1944 to 1970 by the omnipresent Waldo E. Smith, who acted in this period (depending upon one's point of view) as either the midwife or as the despot, but in any case as the one who always managed to see to it that what had to be done to assure success was indeed done.

In addition to the above list of obvious, major accomplishments, AGU has benefited from some of Waldo's lesser known political and personal abilities. For instance, on October 4, 1957, "Sputnik" appeared, and with it a new, enhanced interest in the science of space. The AGU Council was split on whether or not "space" could be considered as geophysics, but in the end Waldo's pragmatic view "that geophysics is whatever we say it is" prevailed, and by a majority of one vote the Council allowed for the formation of a Section of Planetary Sciences. Dr. J. A. Van Allen served as the first Section President for the new section.

Further, in spite of all the growth and ac-

tivity that surrounded Waldo he never forgot that AGU was his members. It is reputed that he knew all the members by name, by sight, and by scientific interest. This must be an exaggeration, but I do know that in my own case I met Waldo very soon after joining the Union because he took the trouble to introduce himself to me at the very first meeting that I attended. Subsequently he never forgot my name, or for that matter the subject of our original conversation. In this regard, I do not believe that I received special treatment, and in fact while researching this citation I received many confirmations of this beloved, ego-busting ability which Waldo used upon the membership.

However, let us be fair; I did uncover one instance of fallibility. Like a good coach, Waldo always addressed staff members by their last names, and like AGU member names, once learnt these were never forgotten. However, one employee, Miss Chamberlin, married and changed her name. Waldo knew this, but his usually flawless memory-banks exhibited a defect. For 2 years Waldo never addressed that staff member. But the story does have a happy ending, because eventually Helmut Landsberg did manage to teach Waldo how to pronounce Holovink, and communication was restored.

But let us return to the business at hand. AGU now has 15,080 members, of whom 65.56 percent joined the Union after Waldo E. Smith's retirement. The AGU staff now numbers nearly 70 of whom only a handful have tenures that date back to the Waldo E. Smith era. AGU's annual publication revenues now total \$5,900,000. We are housed in our own building, and our annual meetings produce presentations that number in the thousands. In summation, when Waldo E. Smith retired in 1970 he left the Union as a vibrant, growing organization.

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## Nominations for 1984 AGU Fellows

Nominations for Fellowship in the Union are being sought by the Fellows Committee and the Section Selection Committees. Nominees for Fellowship should be scientists who have attained acknowledged eminence in a branch of geophysics. The total number of Fellows elected each year cannot exceed 0.1% of the total membership.

To be considered by the Committee, nominations for Fellowship in AGU must be made on the form below. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

## AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION Nomination For Fellowship

Name of Nominee	Name of Sponsor
Personal Data on Nominee	
Business Address (including position held)	
Date and Place of Birth	
Education (degrees, institutions, major field)	
Professional Record (including special honors)	
Membership in other Scientific Organizations	

Attach a list of most significant publications (not abstracts, book reviews or papers which have not yet been accepted for publication).

### Sponsors Evaluation of Nominee

Attach a supporting statement which must include: (1) An indication of the length and nature of your acquaintance with the nominee; (2) the nominee's contributions to the field to date; (3) your evaluation of the nominee's scientific ability; (4) a one-line citation, "For . . . . .", summarizing why the nominee should be elected a fellow.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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For a list of current Fellows, call or write AGU.

Send nominations for forwarding to the appropriate Section Selection Committee to:

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or 482-6903 in the Washington area.

Deadline: September 19, 1983.

## Nominations for Medals and Awards

William Bowie Medal. Awarded for outstanding contributions to fundamental geophysics and for unselfish cooperation in research.

Maurice Ewing Medal. Honors an individual who has led the way in understanding the physical, geophysical, and geological processes in the ocean; who is a leader in ocean engineering, technology, and instrumentation; or who has given distinguished service to the marine sciences. Robert E. Horton Medal. Given for outstanding contributions to the geophysical aspects of Hydrology. James B. Macelwane Award. Up to three awards are given each year for significant contributions to the geophysical sciences by a young scientist

of outstanding ability. Recipients must be less than 36 years old.

Letters of nomination outlining significant contributions and curriculum vitae should be sent directly to the appropriate committee chairman: *Bowie Medal* - Eugene M. Shoemaker, U.S. Geological Survey, 2255 Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86001; *Ewing Medal* - Robert O. Reid, Department of Oceanography, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843; *Horton Medal* - R. Allan Freeze, Department of Geological Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1W5; *Macelwane Award* - J. Freeman Gilbert, IGPP A-025, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093.

Deadline for Nominations is November 1, 1983.



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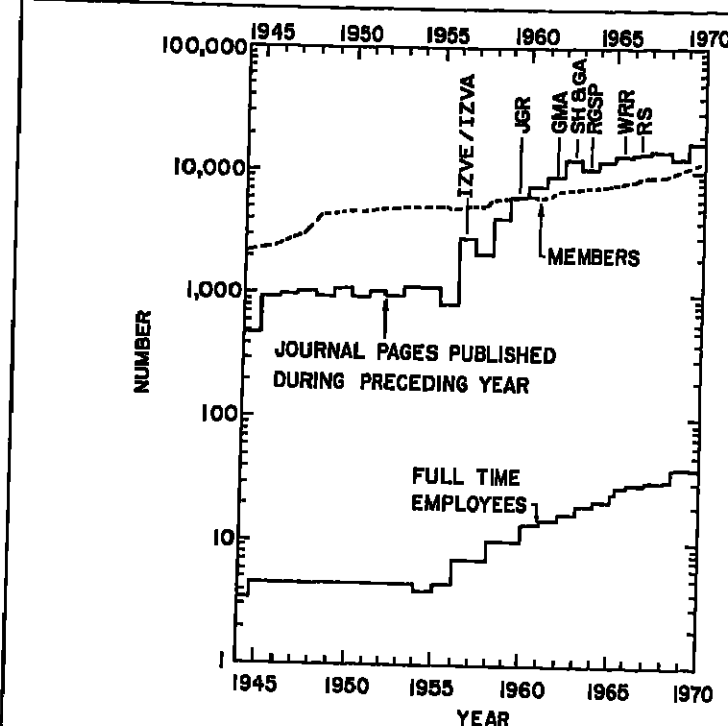


Fig. 1 AGU statistics for the Waldo E. Smith years, 1944-1970. Journal pages published are raw data totaled without regard for varying page sizes.

The 1982 AGU Council formally recognized the adage "that there is more to doing science than doing science" when it established an award in recognition of dedicated and extraordinary service to geophysics. The award, which includes a medal, is to be given no more frequently than every other year. It is most appropriate that these medals be given by AGU for service to geophysics should bear the likeness of Waldo E. Smith upon one side of them, because for over a quarter of a century AGU, American geophysicists, and Waldo E. Smith were synonymous.

Like William Bowie, who received the first Bowie Medal, Waldo E. Smith is present to receive the first of the medals that bears both his name and his portrait. For service to AGU and to geophysics, Waldo E. Smith has provided the measure and the standard by which all who would follow must be judged. It is with pleasure and with some sense of poetic justice that I now turn to our current AGU President, Dr. J. A. Van Allen, and ask him to make the formal presentation of AGU's newest award, the Waldo E. Smith Award for outstanding service to geophysics.

James R. Wallis

#### Acceptance

As I stand here before you, I feel both very humble and very honored. It would seem that an executive officer of such an organization as the AGU gets much credit that he does not deserve; this credit not only from his staff, but even more largely from the work of competent devoted officers, committee chairmen and members, and the membership as a whole. It is through them that the executive's efforts are meaningful. I recall that back in 1945 when I arranged my first annual meeting. During the war years, we had to receive permission from some wartime

government agency to hold such a meeting. This was not difficult; earth sciences were already recognized as important to the war effort. The section secretaries and their committees did a creditable job of arranging a good program. Then I had a strange feeling in the pit of my stomach: What if no one but the speakers came? I think that the record will show that some 800 or more came. And I had a feeling of elation as the meeting drew to a close that the meeting had been a success. This it was, after every succeeding annual meeting.

But there were other problems. AGU was started by the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council in 1919 as the U.S. National Committee of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics organized by the International Research Council (now ICSU). Originally it had 65 members appointed to cover what was then deemed to span geophysics. During the 1920s, the number was increased to 75, then 100, then 200, and after the financial crash of 1928, the limit was eliminated and most anybody who was willing to contribute \$2 per year was taken into membership. The annual reports and papers presented at the meetings had been published in the NRC series, but after the crash, the NRC cut back on its publishing program and gave the AGU \$400 annually, which with the \$2 contributions from the members, growing slowly in number, gave a small working fund.

That was the point that the ingenuity of Dr. John A. Fleming who served as General Secretary of AGU from 1925 until 1947 (and then became Honorary President for Life) came into the picture. He pioneered in the preparation of master copy by typewriter with reproduction by offset which continued into the 1950s, effectively using the limited funds available. The *Transactions* came out each year, usually in two or more parts. In 1945, when I came into the picture, the

*Transactions* became a bimonthly. Those old annual volumes contain many papers deemed to be classics and are very choice. Free copies were sent to all members who had contributed and to some 800 libraries without charge. I never quite heard why or how I became the first executive officer. Dr. Fleming was my mentor, a relationship of which I am still very proud. There was a call for candidates, a selection committee functioned, but in the end, Dr. Fleming made the selection. It was not with rancor, but with real admiration that the organization was sometimes referred to as the John A. Fleming Geophysical Union. He bore a heavy load of work as a volunteer; a devoted volunteer, for over 20 years, editing, corresponding; the prime mover. And he was a perennial optimist, especially with respect to geophysics and most especially the AGU. But the burden became too great, and the membership had grown to about 2,200. He and other officers had sought and received the promise of a grant of \$20,000 over a three-year period from the Rockefeller Foundation to establish a full-time secretariat, on the condition that another \$10,000 be raised by the membership. So, at the outset, the annual receipts from the membership was 2,200 x \$2, or \$4,400. About 90 percent of the libraries subscribed. There was lengthy discussion whether the membership would accept a 50 percent increase in dues, from \$2 to \$3. Academic geophysics had a very limited constituency. Would we lose 90%? Or 50%? Or very few? The loss, as I recall, was about a normal 2%. Freeborn Johnson, a member of Dr. Fleming's terrestrial magnetism staff, was membership chairman, and in a bid over a year, he sent out some 15,000 personal notes to prospective members; that brought in some 1,500 new members. And so AGU, always financially poor, struggled on.

Then along came the IGY. Early in the 1950s, our incumbent president, Dr. Van Allen, and some of his colleagues felt that a third International Polar Year (following the first in 1882-83 and the second in 1932-33) might be in order and named it the International Geophysical Year (IGY). This idea met with enthusiasm abroad, and plans were furthered at the Rome meeting of the IUGG in 1954. The IGY became a phenomenal success.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the IGY at the recent meeting of the NAS, President Frank Press (formerly president of AGU) expressed the idea that this IGY endeavor might truly be unique. It was based on the long developing idea that it was necessary that the earth as a whole should be given serious attention. Dr. Herbert Friedman of the Naval Research Laboratory presented a paper, "The Legacy of the IGY (One Hundred Years of International Cooperation)." There had been the growing feeling throughout the years that the interrelationships in geophysics transcended any one field. Friedman noted that Lieut. Karl Mayrpecht of the First International Polar Year (1882-83) that drew geophysicists together.

Now, coming back to the 1954 IUGG Rome meeting: Clare Booth Luce was the U.S. Ambassador to Rome. An American reception was held in an embassy home. It was my pleasant duty and honor to present the various foreign delegates to her. From that time on, it seemed to me that *Time* gave frequent favorable word concerning the IGY effort.

A quarterly, *Terrestrial Magnetism and Atmospheric Electricity*, had been privately published

by the director of terrestrial magnetism of The Carnegie Institution of Washington, and Dr. Fleming had that under his wing also. When Dr. Merle Tuve became the director of terrestrial magnetism, and thus editor of the *Journal of Geophysical Research* (JGR) and in 1959 turned this title and the quarterly's good will over to AGU. With the aid of NSF grants, AGU issued JGR monthly, then semi-monthly, and then, as now, three issues a month. Books resulting from the IGY work also needed publishing, and there was need to know more about what was going on in physics in the USSR. The NSF gave us grants to translate their best geophysical journals. New journals were started, as noted by Dr. Wallis. At last geophysicists had a real and growing constituency. Each year we were able to save a bit, and we established a reserve fund. It had been my hope that a reserve equal to a year's budget might be developed, but during the closing years of my incumbency we got up to 1/3 of the annual budget, of course, as the budget went up, due to inflation and for other reasons, the amount increased.

Inflation struck with full force just after retired in 1970, and presented a new set of problems to the officers and to my success which I think were met very well, but I would like to see that reserve ratio increase and a distinct reserve fund established, not for normal operating purposes but to meet opportunities and challenges. It was on this basis that I have joined the volunteer effort to raise such a fund. You have received appeals regarding this effort from time to time and there has been considerable response. But it is a long hard pull. Earlier we missed opportunities, and other groups have filled some of those gaps, tending to disunite efforts toward the integration of a continuing broad union of geophysicists.

Dr. Wallis told you about the critical moment when the motion adopted by Dr. Van Allen's report to have AGU embrace the environment of the earth in space won a slight vote. It gave me that earlier, sinking feeling again that I got at the time of that first annual meeting: What would AGU be the end of that one vote had gone the other way?

It has not been all smooth sailing, as some of you younger members may feel in the present situation. AGU is no longer poor financially, but neither is it wealthy. AGU has established a foundation. Meeting current needs has always been a real challenge. We need faith and hard work to have the joy of success. Dr. Wallis just told you that two-thirds of the membership today became members since I retired in 1970. I look at attendees of our meetings, and I find many bright young faces. This bodes well for the future. Challenges will continue: may you carry on in the traditions of the past to an even greater future.

A lot more could be said, but those critical years were pretty well chronicled in the *Transactions* of 1964 (pp. 1 to 47). See if your librarian can dig the issue out. One regret that I feel today is that my faithful Martha, my lovely lady for 55 years, could not have been here tonight to share this moment of joy with me. But I am glad that my daughter, Carol, could fly up from Richmond this afternoon to be here. Thank you.

Waldo E. Smith



Newly elected AGU Fellows receive their certificates from AGU President J. A. Van Allen.



John Maxwell (far left) enrolls as an AGU Individual Supporting Member with AGU Gift Steering Committee members (left to right) Charles Whitten, Earl Drossler, and Morton Rubin.

Panelists at the Union session on Verification of Nuclear Test Ban Treaties answer questions from the audience.

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